



# City of WOODSTOCK

**Building & Zoning Department**

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## **RESIDENTIAL FENCES**

A building permit is required for all fences. All fences must meet the requirements of the Woodstock City Code and the Unified Development Ordinance.

Individual subdivision covenants may have special requirements and restrictions for fences in addition to those adopted by the City of Woodstock.

Fence permits are typically issued over-the-counter. If this is not possible, fence permits are issued within 10 working days of receipt of all the required information. The applicant will be contacted when the permit is ready to be issued or if corrections need to be made. Permit fees are paid at the time of issuance of the permit.

### **PERMIT FEE:**

\$20.00

## **PERMIT APPLICATION AND SUBMITTAL DOCUMENTS**

A completed permit application shall be submitted including the property owner's address and contact information, the cost of construction, fence height, fence style/material and all contractors' information. The following plan documents are also required:

A copy of a plat of survey or other plot plan drawn to scale indicating:

- location of the proposed fence, including any gates
- location of any easements
- location of all structures on the property
- additional information as deemed necessary

## **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FENCES**

All fences must be placed entirely within the owner's property boundary. The Building & Zoning Department strongly suggests that the fence be placed at least 6" within the property line. The City of Woodstock will not get involved with disputes regarding the location of property lines or maintenance of fences. Such disputes are considered entirely as civil matters.

- The finished side of the fence shall face outward.
- A fence may be placed within a utility easement at the property owner's risk. If placed within a drainage easement, a fence shall not impede drainage flow. If you are installing a fence within an easement, you must sign the attached Owner's Acknowledgement.
- No fence shall be electrified.
- No fence shall be constructed of barbed wire, razor wire, spikes or other pointed or injurious materials.

### **FENCES IN A FRONT OR CORNER SIDE YARD**

- Maximum height of 4'.
- Shall be at least 50% open or see-through (no more than 50% visually obscured). **Chain link, woven wire and similar type fences are not allowed in a front or corner side yard.**
- For the purpose of these requirements, the area between an existing principal structure and the street shall be considered the front or corner side yard.

### **FENCES IN A SIDE OR REAR YARD**

- Maximum height of 6'.
- Fences installed in *a rear yard abutting a street or public right-of-way* shall comply with the standards and specifications for a fence in a required front or corner side yard. However, a fence of up to 6' in height may be allowed if said fence is set back a distance of 10' from the abutting street or public right-of-way and is otherwise in compliance with these regulations.

## **REQUIRED INSPECTIONS**

Inspections should be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance, by calling the Building & Zoning Department at (815) 338-4305. The following information is needed when requesting an inspection:

- Address of Inspection
- Type of Inspection
- Date and time when inspection is needed
- Building Permit Number

**The following inspection is required:**

- Final, upon completion of project and prior to use.

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